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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Sept. 22, 2004
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-6, 10, 13, 14, 18 and 19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 15-17 is/are allowed (subject to some minor language correction discussed in the office action)
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Applicant's election, without traverse, of the first species disclosed in Figures 1-3 is acknowledged. Applicant has identified claims 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17 as readable on the elected species.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 7 in the previous office action was based on counsel's remarks (indicating that the objected to claim was merely being rewritten in independent form) on page 4 of the preliminary amendment received June 23, 2003, taken at face value. It appears, in the process of rewriting claims 1 and 3, that counsel inadvertently omitted some language and changed "part" to a more limiting recitation of "port". Please insert the omitted language "extending from said cooling block" after "refluxing block" and change "port" to - - part - -, to be consistent with the originally objected to claim 3, given what appears to have been a transcription error.

Claims 7-9, 11, 12 and 15-17 are otherwise in condition for allowance, although claim 7 should be amended to refer to claims 11 or 12 only, since claims 13 and 14 are non-elected and are subject to cancellation in preparation for issue.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

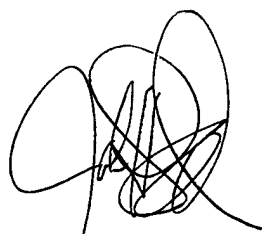
The aforementioned changes to the wording of claim 7 that appear to be in the nature of transcription errors and applicant's identification and cancellation of any of non-elected claims 4-6, 10, 13, 14, 18 and 19 that are not subject to rejoinder.

Rejoinder may be made if there is an allowable generic claim from which that non-elected claim depends.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to John Ford at telephone number (571) 272-4911.



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Primary Examiner